QUESTIONS FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Additional Building for Tahsildar's Office in Afzalpur Taluk

558. SRI D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any representation has been made by the MLA of Afzalpur Taluk to sanction additional building for the Tahsildar's office as the existing building is insufficient:

(*b*) if so when the Government will accord sanction for additional building?

SRI N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes

(*b* It would be considered.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

re: Preventing people in Malnad area from Cuttingwood for use as firewood.

SRI KONANDUR LINGAPPA (Thirthahalli).—I call the attention of the Minister for Forest to the situation created by the Forest Officials by preventing the people in Malnad area from cutting wood in the forest for using it as firewood.

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Forest).—Sir, I with to make the following statement.—

The complaint made out is of very general nature and it would have been useful if any specific cases were brought to the notice of the Government. We have been liberal as regards concessions in the Malnad areas. In the case of families whose income does not exceed Rs. 1,200 per annum, on the basis of the income declarations issued by the parties themselves, free permits are issued by the Forest Guards for removal of Dry fuel for domestic consumption on head load basis. Similarly upto 5 cart loads of fire-wood per family is allowed to be removed from the forests for domestic consumption at Rs. 2–50 per load. This concession is also limited to families whose annual income is less than Rs. 1,200 per annum. In the case of families whose income is above this limit they are permitted to remove the firewood upto a limit of 5 cart loads but on payment of full seigniorage value.